



## ***Superior National Forest Dragonfly and Damselfly Extravaganza***



**When:** May 31 – June 1, 2008

**Where:** Superior National Forest, Laurentian Ranger District, Aurora, MN

**What:** The Superior National Forest (SNF) is hosting a weekend gathering to search for dragonflies while canoeing down a few of the many and pristine rivers within the forest boundary. The focus of this weekend will be to develop a species list for the SNF, but most importantly, to get outdoors and have fun! People of all Dragonfly/Damselfly-skill levels, including beginners, are welcome.

Free camping will be provided at the Cadotte Lake Campground (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/recreation/camping>) for Friday and Saturday night. If you prefer to stay at a nearby hotel, you will need to make those arrangements yourselves (<http://www.ironrange.us/motels.htm>). Meals will not be provided. Canoes, paddles, and life vests will be provided. Feel free to come for a day or the whole weekend.

**What to bring:** Field clothes, proper footwear for river wading and/or shore walking (rubber and/or hip boots), hat, camera (waterproof case), “bug” net, field guides, field notebook and pen, hand lens, sunscreen, head net, insect repellent, water bottle, additional clothes and footwear for enjoying a campfire! Please pack for a full day in the field.

**Why:** Increased awareness of our lack of knowledge about dragonfly and damselfly distribution and abundance has sparked an interest from many natural resource agencies to begin developing a species list. Additionally, because nearly all of these species spend the majority of their lives in water, it makes them an important indicator of the health of our aquatic environments.

Registration for the weekend is required by May 19.

Contact Dave Grosshuesch for details and registration at: [dgrosshuesch@fs.fed.us](mailto:dgrosshuesch@fs.fed.us) or call (218) 229-8815